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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI MASS LA VN

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE TROOPS REPORTED MOVING INTO PHON HONG AREA

REF A VIENTIANE 0798, B VIENTIANE 0793

1. A PREVIOUSLY RELIABLE LAO SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT MERCHANTS ARRIVING IN VIENTIANE FROM BAN PHON HONG (TF2846) MAY 7 AND 8 SAID THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE RECENTLY MOVED INTO THE AREA OF PHON HONG. LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTEDLY TOLD VILLAGERS THAT THE VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE COME TO SERVE AS ADVISORS TO THE LAO AND THAT THEY HAVE COME AT LAO REQUEST.

2. A SEPARATE LAO SOURCE OF GOOD RELIABILITY TOLD EMBOFF MAY 10 THAT STUDENTS ARRIVING IN VIENTIANE FROM
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VANG VIENG (TF3193) SAID THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAD RECENTLY ENTERED THE VANG VIENG AREA.

3. COMMENT: VIETNAMESE TROOP MOVEMENTS REPORTED ABOVE AND IN REFTELS COULD BE PREPARATORY TO ATTACKS ON HMONG INSURGENT STRONGHOLDS (REF A) OR COULD BE PART OF VIETNAMESE STRATEGY TO MOVE VIETNAMESE FORCES IN

LAOS INTO MORE ACCESSIBLE AREAS (ABOVE AND REF B) IN
ORDER TO EASE THE LOGISTICS BURDEN OF SUPPORTING THEM
DURING THE MONSOON SEASON. VIETNAMESE TROOPS REPORTED
IN MOVEMENT TOWARDS MUONG KASSY ALONG ROUTE 13 (REF A)
COULD BE SAME TROOPS EARLIER REPORTED IN VANG VIENG
ABOVE.
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